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Real Estate License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Real Estate Board revoked four licenses at its meeting Thursday, November 6, 2008. Below is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup."
Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

HELEN AKINS

McLEAN, VA

File Number 2008-00964

VIOLATION – Akins failed to place earnest money deposits in escrow; failed to provide written notice to all parties of material changes to the transaction; and failed to act in a manner to safeguard the public.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225053478 and \$5,700 in monetary penalties.

MIA THERESA THARP

ASHBURN, VA

File Number 2008-03515

VIOLATION – Tharp failed to provide written notice to all parties of material changes to the transaction; failed to place security deposits in escrow within a reasonable time period; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225176946 and \$6,000 in monetary penalties.

CHARLES ANTONIO WIGINGTON

ASHBURN, VA

File Number 2008-00285

VIOLATION – Wigington failed to place earnest money deposits in escrow; failed to provide written notice to all parties of material changes to the transaction; engaged in improper, fraudulent or dishonest conduct; and engaged in misrepresentation or omission. In addition, he violated the Board's regulations by virtue of his misdemeanor conviction, failed to notify the Board of the conviction, and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225051971 and \$19,050 in monetary penalties.

ATAUL HAQ

WOODBRIIDGE, VA

File Number 2008-03186

VIOLATION – Haq engaged in misrepresentation or omission; and acted outside a brokerage firm, constituting a conflict of interest.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0225051229.

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About the Virginia Real Estate Board:

The Real Estate Board regulates approximately 80,000 businesses and individuals who represent others in property transactions. The Board administers the Virginia Real Estate Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed real estate practitioner. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed real estate professionals, not by any tax revenues.

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